

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine having a displacement unit ~~(1)~~, characterised in that a co-travelling packaging item support means ~~(2)~~ is arranged on the displacement unit ~~(1)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to claim 1, characterised in that the packaging item support means is at least one cable ~~(2)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to claim 2, characterised in that each cable comprises a first and a second end ~~(3,4)~~, which are each arranged on the displacement unit ~~(1)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to claim 3, characterised in that it comprises rollers ~~(6)~~, with which the cable is deflected.

5. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to claim 4, characterised in that the rollers are arranged by means of plug-in strips ~~(7)~~ on the frame of the packaging machine.

6. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to ~~any one of claims 3-5~~ claim 3, characterised in that the

displacement unit comprises at least one means ~~(5)~~, with which the cable ~~(2)~~ may be tensioned.

7. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to claim 6, characterised in that a means ~~(5)~~ is assigned to each cable ~~(2)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the displacement unit is driven by a motor or a pneumatic cylinder.

9. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that it is a thermoforming packaging machine.

10. (Currently Amended) A packaging machine according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised in that the displacement unit ~~(1)~~ is a cutting means, a sealing means, a forming means or a filling means.